WHEREAS, between 1947 and 1958, while overseeing the Trust Territory, the United States conducted extensive nuclear testing on Bikini and Enewetak Atolls (Marshall Islands) with a total yield of 108 megatons, the equivalent of having dropped 1.6 Hiroshima bombs every day for the entire 12-year period; and

WHEREAS, Micronesians have suffered tremendous harms to their homeland and health and continue to suffer discrimination in America through policies and rhetoric that unjustly target Micronesian communities; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League has a proud legacy of successfully fighting for redress for Japanese Americans unjustly incarcerated during World War II and empathizes with the need for remedying past wrongs; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League is unable to stay silent while others suffer harms and injustice because of the absence of protective laws and benefits and the presence of racism and anti-immigrant sentiment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League that the Japanese American Citizens League express its support of Micronesian Hawai‘i.

"If you have a feeling that something is wrong, don't be afraid to speak up!"
-Fred T. Korematsu

Your JACL Honolulu Chapter continues to speak up. We are proud to speak up as an ally of Micronesians, and we are proud to honor those who do the same.

You are cordially invited to the 2012 Annual General Membership Meeting and Luncheon to recognize these champions of justice as the JACL Honolulu Chapter’s 2012 Distinguished Service Awardees:

Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing
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Dina Shek, Esq.
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Dina Shek is a licensed attorney in Hawai‘i and a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law. She serves as the Legal Director of the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawai‘i, a project she co-founded with pediatrician Chris Derauf in 2008 as a collaboration between the William S. Richardson School of Law and Kokua Kalïhi Valley Comprehensive Family Services. The Partnership’s small team has provided legal advocacy to help families, many of which are Chuukese, obtain guardianships, fight unfair employment and housing practices, ensure language access, and navigate the complicated systems they encounter in Hawai‘i. Prior to entering law school, Dina spent nearly ten years as a community organizer, educator and advocate for social justice, with a particular interest in Japanese American internment and redress issues. She served as the Graduate Intern with the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, lead organizer for the Bay Area Day of Remembrance program, and completed a graduate thesis at San Francisco State University titled, “Re-visiting Japanese American Redress: Loyalty and the Exclusion of Expatriates.” Dina Shek is the recipient of the 2012 Rhoda Lewis Award presented by the Hawai‘i Women’s Legal Foundation.
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